

# City of Glendale, California Form of Government

Since its incorporation, Glendale has been a charter city governed by a City Council/City Manager form of government. Five Councilmembers are elected at-large and serve 4-year staggered terms, with elections taking place every even-numbered year on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March during Presidential election years. Election taking place in non-presidential election years are taking place in June. Each year, the Mayor's position is rotated amongst the five Councilmembers. Other elected officials include the City Clerk and City Treasurer, while the City Manager and City Attorney are appointed by the City Council.

The City Manager acts as the Chief Executive Officer responsible for the daily operations of the City and appoints all department executives, who are in turn responsible for the daily operations within their individual departments. The mission and description of each department and their sections are discussed within the Department Budget section of this document. The City Attorney is responsible for providing a full range of dedicated, in-house legal services intended to ensure the legality of legislation, contracts and programs, and defend legal actions filed against the City.

A variety of Boards, Commissions, and Committees volunteer their time to assist the City Council in serving the Glendale community. These bodies meet on a regular basis during open public meetings to identify and address specific needs and problems within their respective purview.

## Executive Team

**ROUBIK GOLANIAN, City Manager**

**JOHN TAKHTALIAN, Deputy City Manager,  
Interim Director of Community Development**

SUZIE ABAJIAN  
City Clerk

PAULA ADAMS  
Chief Human Resources Officer

ELENA BOLBOLIAN  
Chief Innovation Officer

JASON BRADFORD, CPA  
Director of Finance/Information Technology

ONNIG BULANIKIAN  
Director of Community Services & Parks

YAZDAN EMRANI  
Director of Public Works

MICHAEL J. GARCIA  
City Attorney

SILVIO LANZAS  
Fire Chief

RAFI MANOUKIAN, CPA  
City Treasurer

CARL POVILAITIS  
Police Chief

GARY SHAFFER  
Director of Library, Arts & Culture

MARK YOUNG  
General Manager of Glendale Water & Power